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"Job Corps is one of the best uses of federal tax dollars. Oregon state and Clatsop county have been fortunate in having Tongue Point Job Corps Center, one of the oldest centers in the country, located in Astoria for the past fifty years. It has not only been a boon for the economy but has been a major player in work force training for the whole Northwest. In addition, students' many community service contributions to Clatsop's cities and organizations have been invaluable. As always, Tongue Point Job Corps Center has my enthusiastic support."

**State Senator Betsy Johnson**  
Oregon District 16



"The Tongue Point Jobs Corps has been nurturing young adults and training students for employment for 50 years and the program has impacted countless individuals. We need more programs like Tongue Point Jobs Corps that help train and educate students and help set a solid foundation for their future. It's been a great 50 years and I look forward to celebrating many more successes in the years to come."

**Jeff Merkley, U.S. Senator, Oregon**

## Tongue Point Job Corps Center Changing Lives Launching Careers

Job Corps is your taxes at work. Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps provides education, training, and support services to young adults, ages 16 – 24, at 125 Job Corps center campuses located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Those who enroll in Job Corps have the opportunity to learn a trade and work place skills.



"The Tongue Point Job Corps Center provides opportunities for young adults to pursue the training they need to thrive and live full, productive lives in today's economy. Students graduate with the technical and interpersonal skills they need to succeed in the workforce and go on to make valuable contributions in their communities. The services the center provides benefit students, communities, and the economy. The Tongue Point Job Corps Center's 50th anniversary serves as a reminder of the social and economic value the program brings to our region and I am thankful to have such an important facility on Oregon's north coast. I'm proud to support such an excellent investment in our communities."

**Suzanne Bonamici**  
U.S. Representative,  
Oregon 1st District



"For the past 50 years, our Tongue Point Job Corps has been a vital part of our community. Astoria is a better place to live and raise a family because of the quality of the staff and students working and learning locally at our Job Corps."

Countless times over the years, when we have a community need, the staff and students have stood shoulder to shoulder with Astorians to make our town a better place to live.

Congratulations to Tongue Point Job Corps for the first 50 years of accomplishments and we look forward to the next 50 years of our Job Corps in Astoria."

**Willis L. Van Dusen**  
Mayor of Astoria, 1990-2014



"Oregon is known for innovative collaborations. And to keep good family wage jobs in Oregon - companies need a supply of highly skilled and trained workers — and that's where this kind of collaboration between the Tongue Point Job Corps, students, and industry is going to pay dividends for everybody involved. It's well documented that students do better when they see how the things they're learning in school directly relate to a career path. This program does that. As the cost of college rises, more students and families will look for ways to get more bang out of their education buck. And programs like this, that give students a jump start on their skills and careers, are a huge part of the solution. I have long supported the Job Corps program. It helps prepare Oregon students to join the flourishing construction and technology industry in Astoria and across Oregon. Thank you all for your work and your collaboration to help create a better future for this generation."

Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator, Oregon



"I first worked with Tongue Point students during Astoria's Bicentennial. Thanks to Pacific Power, the city was given 200 trees to plant, but we needed lots of volunteers. As usual, Tongue Point students stepped up to the plate — digging holes, planting and staking the trees, and mulching. I've also worked with them in Astoria's new Chip-In Program. This program has been a tremendous boon to the city's efforts to spruce up its parks, and Tongue Point students have been crucial to this success. Whether it was pruning, weeding, mulching, or eliminating invasive species, the students pitched in enthusiastically. When volunteers are needed, Tongue Point students always answer the call.

The students are also involved as interns throughout Astoria — in restaurants, breweries, hospitals, and foster care homes, providing many needed services. Tongue Point Job Corps is truly a gift to the Astoria community."

Arline LaMear, Mayor of Astoria

## Congratulations on 50 years Tongue Point Job Corps Center

**"Thank You For All The Academic, Career And Social Skills Training You Have Provided For 50 Years To Young Adults, And Also For Your Commitment To Clatsop County And The Region As A Very Important Community Partner And Employer".**

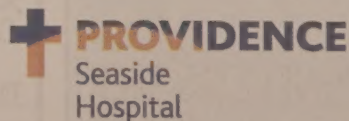
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## Congratulations to Tongue Point Job Corps

**50<sup>th</sup>  
year milestone**





I know that many people currently living in Clatsop County were around when Job Corps opened at the former Tongue Point Naval Station in 1965. Many may remember challenging times as Astorians got used to a diverse population and youth from all around the country acclimated to the North Coast's weather, food and customs. Many of you reached out to help these 'strangers' feel welcomed and more comfortable in their new surroundings.



Much has changed in the world, in Job Corps, in Clatsop County and at Tongue Point during these past fifty years. More than 30,000 young adults have received training at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, paid for through our taxes. While most graduates have remained in the Pacific Northwest, many have returned to their home cities around the nation and many have travelled around the world. They have shared their impressions of Job Corps, Clatsop County and Tongue Point.

I want to thank everyone – elected officials who have provided public encouragement and appreciation, employers who have partnered in training students, residents who have volunteered as mentors and tutors or opened their homes to host students for holidays, and so many others – who have had a hand in supporting Tongue Point Job Corps Center's staff and students. You can take credit for so many successful people throughout the country – with ages ranging from sixteen up through seventy-one!

And, as you look around Clatsop County you can see so many contributions that Job Corps students have left behind in our community.

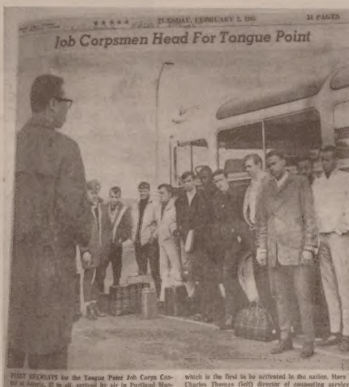
Little did Sargent Shriver know that his idea – Job Corps – would turn out to be such an invaluable asset for our country. We in Clatsop County are lucky to have one of the premier centers in a program which some call our country's best kept secret and many others profess is the best use of their tax dollars – because Job Corps Works!

Kim Shillinger, Center Director

# Tongue Point Job Corps Center 50 years of History

During the past fifty years:

- More than 30,000 students have received training at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.
- More than 150 local residents have been employed every year.



Job Corpsmen head for Tongue Point Job Corps Center. The first recruits for the Tongue Point Job Corps Center arrived by air in Portland, Ore. which is the first to be activated in the nation. Here is Charles Thomas (left) director of recruiting center.



2500 at Job Corps Center for Open House

## Congratulations Tongue Point Job Corps Center on 50 years!

The Seaside Chamber of Commerce has been privileged to have worked with 5 interns from the **Tongue Point Job Corps Centers Business & Finance Program** over the years. These interns performed a wide range of office duties that helped promote the growth of Seaside businesses and our community at large. We offered real life work experience, and the Tongue Point interns delivered valuable hands-on help. **A WIN-WIN!**



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# JFK's 1963 visit brought joy to Astoria

Excerpt from Daily Astorian

By Ted Shorack

The Daily Astorian, November 22, 2013

Just two months before his death, President John F. Kennedy visited Astoria and brought good news to residents of the lower Columbia River.

Tongue Point, a former U.S. Navy base built in 1939, would soon become a location for Department of Defense and U.S. Coast Guard facilities, he announced.

Local and state leaders praised the president's decision and were hopeful for the economic stimulus it would bring to the region.

It was a wonderful day for several thousand who turned out to greet the 35th president of the United States.

Fifty-six days later came one of the worst days in American history.

On Nov. 22, 1963, Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, shocking Clatsop County residents and people around the country, who still remember what they were doing when they heard of his death.

## Following Hayes

When Kennedy visited Tongue Point on Sept. 27, 1963, he was only the second sitting president to visit Astoria, according to articles in The Daily Astorian. Rutherford B. Hayes had visited in 1880. Franklin D. Roosevelt never set foot in the city, but sailed by in a boat in 1934.

For the 1963 visit, Kennedy flew in by helicopter from Tacoma, Wash., and landed at Tongue Point at 1:30 p.m. The Daily Astorian estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 people were there and some were lucky enough to shake his hand in front of Hangar 3.

Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield arrived in time to greet Kennedy. U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse was the unofficial host for the visit and introduced Kennedy before his speech.

## New use

Tongue Point had been a reserve fleet base between 1946 and 1960 and was no longer in use. A local committee formed and advocated that the Kennedy administration find a suitable use for the station. The committee of eight, which included state Sen. Dan Thiel, Judge Guy Boyington and Astoria Mayor Harry Steinbock, met briefly with the president before he spoke.

Kennedy's announcement was publicly released before he reached Tongue Point that day, but he reiterated the news in his speech. The station would become a school for senior civilian and military personnel offering training in procurement of weapons, he said, as well as a helicopter rescue base for the Coast Guard.

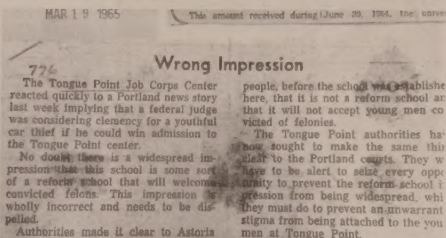
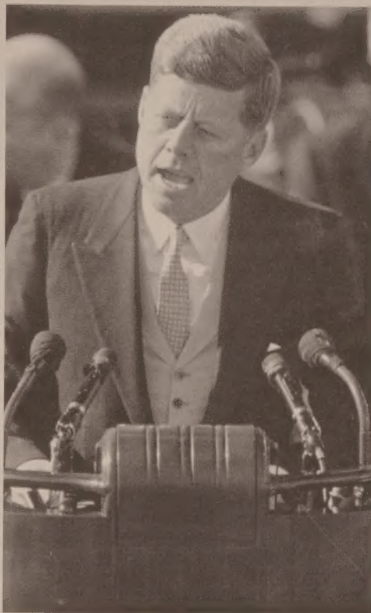
The training school was a surprise, but news articles had anticipated a base for the Coast Guard in Astoria. The Daily Astorian quoted Steinbock saying it was "great news." Others were appreciative of Morse's role in drawing attention to the station.

The potential federal presence meant an opportunity for jobs and a jump-start to the local economy.

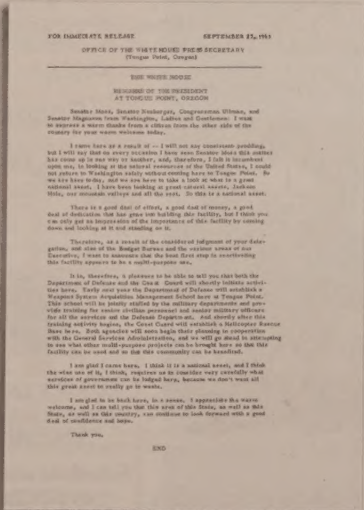
Kennedy was quoted as saying he was pleased to make the announcement because it would put the facility to good use, but also "brought to Astoria economic benefits" the community badly needed.

In 1965, Tongue Point became one of the first Job Corps centers in the country. The career training program was created in 1964 under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty initiative and Sargent Shriver, Kennedy's brother-in-law.

The Coast Guard moved its air station to the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton in 1966, but it was originally established at Tongue Point in August 1964. A base remains at Tongue Point and is the home port of the Coast Guard Cutter Fir.



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1963 John F. Kennedy Tongue Point Speech



# Tongue Point Through the Years



John Mitchell, Astoria  
Vertical view of Tongue Point  
at Astoria, Oregon.

**1792**

The name "Tongue Point" was given by Lieutenant William Broughton of the George Vancouver Expedition.

**1805**

Lewis and Clark call the peninsula east of Astoria Point William, after William Clark.

**1919**

\$1.5M federal appropriation to build Navy base at Tongue Point.

**1921**

Clatsop County transfers ownership of 395 acres at Tongue Point to the federal government.

**1921**

Navy announces plan to establish submarine and destroyer base and begins dredging.

**1924**

Construction completed, with a breakwater & four wooden finger piers.

**1924-39**

Base lies unused - popular picnic area and swimming hole.

**1930's**

Columbia Defense League formed and demands that base be developed or property be remanded to Clatsop County.

**1939**

Groundbreaking for Tongue Point Naval Air Station.

**1940**

Navy moves onto base as WWII is imminent.

**1943-44**

Facilities were used to assist the Kaiser Company in a critical shipbuilding program.

**1946**

Eight concrete finger piers built to provide moorage for the Columbia River Group of the Pacific Reserve Fleet was built to house mothballed Liberty ships. Care-taker status.

**1961**

Tongue Point Naval base declared excess by federal government and transferred to the General Services Administration.

**1963**

President Kennedy tours Tongue Point vowing to save the facility from the wrecking ball.

**1962**

US Coast Guard establishes base.

**1964**

President Johnson signs the Economic Opportunity Act which creates Job Corps.

**1964**

Tongue Point chosen to be a Job Corps center. U of O holds contract to administer.

**1965**

First corpsmen arrive at TPJCC which opens as all male center on Feb. 2, 1965

**1966**

TPJCC is Festival Central for the week-long visit by officials from Astoria's Sister City, Walldorf.

**1967**

TPJCC converted to all female center.

**1969**

President Nixon dismantles Office of Economic Opportunity - Job Corps becomes

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#### 1972

TPJCC becomes the nation's first co-ed Job Corps Center.

#### 1975

RCA wins contract to administer TPJCC.

#### 1978

Job Corps expanded to include Advanced Career Training opportunity, increasing training eligibility to 3 years.

#### 1981

Federal government sells much of the Tongue Point land to the state of Oregon.

#### 1982

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) becomes the authorization for Job Corps.

#### 1982

National economic impact study determines that Job Corps is cost effective: for every dollar spent on Job Corps, \$1.46 is returned to the economy.

#### 1984-5

The Goonies is filmed in Clatsop County.

TPJCC staff and students are extras in beach running scene.

#### 1985

President Reagan targets Job Corps for elimination in FY86 budget. Hundreds of Clatsop county residents write to elected officials in support of retaining Job Corps and TPJCC. Congress votes to save Job Corps.

#### 1988

GE buys out RCA and takes on the contract to run TPJCC.

#### 1990

Congress calls for long term expansion of Job Corps.

#### 1990

Management and Training Corporation becomes TPJCC Administrator.

#### 1991

Seamanship training vessel is designated as an official Public Nautical Schoolship.

#### 1995

Move to dismantle Job Corps is defeated in the Senate.

#### 1996

Coast Guard selects TPJCC Seamanship program as first self-certification program in the country.

#### 1998

Congress passes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which supercedes JTPA.

#### 1999

Tongue Point High School is established.

#### 2001

A rigorous independent national evaluation publishes results finding Job Corps to be a solid investment, returning \$2.01 for every dollar spent.

#### 2003

KMUN begins monthly broadcast "This is Job Corps" during which students report TPJCC activities. Program has 11 year run.

#### 2008

TPJCC culinary student bests two students from the Western Culinary Institute, winning regional seafood cooking competition.

#### 2008

TPJCC wins Job Corps Western Region Culinary Expo competition.

#### 2010

TPJCC receives President's Award from AWACC for contributions to the community.

#### 2013

70th Birthday of Seamanship training vessel IRONWOOD, a retired USCG buoy tender is celebrated.

#### 2014

Job Corps reauthorized through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

#### 2014

TPJCC student, Kourtney Bainter, is the national winner of the Better Occupational Opportunities for Tradeswomen (BOOT) award, presented by Job Corps to recognize the aspirations and success of a female student who has dedicated herself to training and working in a nontraditional occupation.

#### 2015

Job Corps and Tongue Point Job Corps Center celebrate their 50th anniversaries.

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*for helping with many Seaside projects*

#### **Seaside is a better place because of YOU!**

- Sidewalk for the Seaside Youth Center
- Students helped build Seltzer Park
- Built the 800 square foot addition to Seaside Museum
- Helped erect new play equipment at Broadway Park
- Facilities maintenance students helped erect bleachers at Broadway Park
- Designed and created 'Iron Art' reminiscent of the Daddy Train for Railroad Park community gardens
- Cleaned and prepped mosaic pieces used in the salmon sculpture at Goodwin Park on 12th & Necanicum
- Helped move the food bank - twice
- Assisted at the Police and Fire Departments Child Safety Day programs since 2008
- Currently repairing exterior of the Seaside Museum
- TPJCC has donated items for every fundraiser since 2008 for Seaside Rotary, Festival of Trees and Seaside Downtown Development Association. The cement turtles and bird baths have raised hundreds of dollars for these non profits

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### Students' contributions to the community take two forms:

- **Career Technical Service Training:** Students practice skills they are learning in their trade classes as well as learn new ones while providing labor for non profit or governmental agencies' community projects

- **Community Service (volunteerism):** Students volunteer in the community.

- In addition, TPJCC actively contributes to most Clatsop County non profits' fundraising events and auctions.

During Program Year 2013/14 7094 hours were recorded for community contributions. Per [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org) the average worth of a volunteer hour is \$22.55 – making Tongue Point Job Corps Center's community contribution worth \$159,970.



# Tongue Point Job Corps Center Community Contributions include:

**1979:** Students help place the new information booth at the Astoria Column.

**1986:** Cement masonry students make and install cement garbage receptacles throughout downtown Astoria, working with the Astoria Downtown Development Association.

**1988:** Landscaping students transform empty lot into a landscaped yard at Olney School.

**1989:** Cement masonry students pour concrete for East Portal Park project.

**1989:** Cement masonry students construct sidewalks, wheel chair ramp and install railings for Clatsop Care Center.

**1991:** Students assist with renovation of Shively Hall.

**1992:** Cement masonry, plastering, electrical, carpentry and painting students install new restrooms in the John Jacob Astor Theater for the Astor Street Opry Company.

**1993:** Cement masonry, plastering, electrical, carpentry and painting students complete a second restoration phase at the John Jacob Astor Theater for the Astor Street Opry Company.

**1994:** Landscaping students assist ADHD with downtown beautification projects.

**1995:** Cement masonry students pour sidewalk for the Seaside Youth Center.

**1995:** Landscaping students install irrigation system and landscaping at Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce building.

**1995:** Carpentry and cement masonry students build a patio and refuse shed at Pioneer House.

**1995:** Painting students paint the reconstructed US Customhouse.

**1995:** Plastering students construct concrete trash receptacles for the city of Clatskanie.

**1995:** Welding students construct steel battering rams and target holders for the Astoria Police Department firing range.

**1996:** Mayor Willis Van Dusen says: "The Tongue Point Job Corps has done more for the city of Astoria on public works projects than anyone except the taxpayers."

**1996:** Landscaping students help re-establish the Regatta Rose Garden at the Flavel House Museum.

**1998:** Students assist the city of Astoria with filling and delivering sandbags for possible flooding.

**1999:** Carpentry and cement masonry students help build Seltzer Park in Seaside.

**1999:** Culinary students help prepare food for the fundraiser to purchase the Astoria trolley.

**2001:** Repaired community showers/bathrooms.

**2003:** Carpentry students build rabbit hutches for county fairgrounds.

**2003:** Painting students paint interior of Senior Center.

**2003:** Painting students paint the exterior of the Warrenton Library.

**2005:** Students remove old bridge; fabricate foot bridge stanchions; clear trail; place bark and sandfill; electrical repairs at Camp Kiwanilong for Rotary.

**2005:** Landscaping students relocate 200 shrubs from the Heritage Museum to Flavel House.

**2005:** Cement masonry students pour sidewalk at Clatsop Retirement Village.

**2005:** Painting students prep, prime, paint and finish coated exterior restoration of Liberty Theater.

**2005:** Landscaping students clear trail and haul backfill for Fort to Sea Trail.

**2005:** Carpentry students build 800 sq. ft. addition to Seaside Museum.

**2006:** Landscaping student plant trees in Astoria city parks.

**2007:** Students make repairs to Astoria Fire Department building caused by the 'hurricane of 2007'.

**2008:** Landscaping students plant more than 2500 native seedlings at the confluence of the Neacoxie and Neawanna creeks for the North Coast Land Conservancy.

**2008:** Painting students paint interior of new location of Astor Street Opry Company.

**2009:** Cement masonry and landscaping students do dugout expansion and upgrades at ball field.

**2009:** Facilities maintenance students power wash Senior Center exterior which is then painted by painting students.

**2009:** Plastering students refurbish and plaster walls in AWACC Green building.

**2009:** Cement masonry students gravelled new dog park for Warrenton.

**2010:** Glazing students construct and install new windows for Senior Center.

**2010:** Students help construct new play equipment to improve Seaside's Broadway Park.

**2011-13:** Landscaping, welding, glazing and cement masonry students complete city's projects for Astoria Downtown Beautification.

**2013:** Facilities Maintenance students assemble bleachers for Seaside's improved Broadway Park field.

**2013:** Culinary students assist with food preparation for the Astoria Trolley's 10th anniversary party.



# Tongue Point Job Corps Center Career Training



**In addition to academic training, Tongue Point Job Corps provides career technical training in 16 trades:**

Carpentry, Cement Masonry, Computer Service Technician, Culinary Arts, Dental Assistant, Electrician, Facilities Maintenance, Glazing, Home Health Aide, Landscape Technician, Medical Assistant, Office Technology, Painting, Plastering, Seamanship and Welding



# Tongue Point Job Corps Center Fast Facts

With enrollment of 473 students, TPJCC is the largest Job Corps Center in the Northwest and provides training in 16 trades.

- About 6% of TPJCC's student body comes from Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties.
- 5% come from outside the Northwest to attend TPJCC's seamanship program which is the only one in Job Corps.
- The remaining percentage comes from throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho.
- The average age of the TPJCC student body is 19-21 years old.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center is one of the largest employers in Clatsop County. The local economic infusion is worth more than \$10.5M annually and includes:

- Wages paid/spent locally.
- Institutional purchasing of goods and services from local vendors.
- 473 students spending an average of \$25 per week locally,
- Full tuition payment to Clatsop Community College for about 13 students per term,
- Memorandum of Understanding with (Sunset Transportation (The BUS) paying for all students to RIDE THE BUS,

It is estimated the economic infusion has totaled in excess of half a million dollars over the past fifty years..

It is estimated that community contributions have exceeded 250,000 hours, worth more than \$2M over the last fifty years.

## How does Job Corps define and measure success?

The Department of Labor, Office of Job Corps has established metrics in 15 areas to measure and report each center's performance on a monthly basis. Every performance measurement reflects students' successes. Performance goals are set for all centers by the DOL; some are experience based. Centers are ranked by their success rates. The measures include:

- What percentage of students entering without a high school diploma obtain a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential?
- What percentage of students complete a trade?
- Did every student earn certifications specific to their trade? The expectation is 100%.
- Minimum gains are expected in literacy and numeracy scores, indicating improvement in reading, writing, comprehension and math skills.
- It is expected that students obtain employment closely allied to the trade completed – a Job Training Match. Each center is expected to meet a percentage goal.
- It is expected that the center reach a percentage goal for employment for students not completing the Job Corps program.
- There are several goals pertaining to graduates obtaining and retaining job, as well as being paid at an expected wage. The average starting wage expected for TPJCC graduates during Program Year 2013/14 was \$10.66/hour.

Among the nation's 125 Job Corps centers, for the program year 2013/14, Tongue Point Job Corps Center ranked:

- 14th overall
- 1st for average wage earned 6 months post completion
- 3rd for average wage earned 12 months post completion



In recognition of 50 years of service to the community the Inlandboatmen's Union's Officers and Members salutes the Job Corps programs at Tongue Point for its invaluable mission. We are especially proud of the maritime program and proud to be a part of the school.



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"One of the advantages of being as old as I am is the ability to look back 50 years and see the changes that have taken place. Nowhere have these changes been more dramatic than in the "before and after" of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center. What began in 1965, as what some would remember as a somewhat misguided bureaucratic "experiment", the Tongue Point Job Corp has become one of the most respected social, educational and economic "PARTNERS" in the Lower Columbia area. Looked upon as one of the leading Job Corp Centers in the entire nation, OUR Tongue Point Job Corps makes me proud to be a strong 50 year supporter of the program."

**Skip Hauke, Executive Director**  
Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce



"I consider it a personal responsibility to help train future carpenters in technical skills and instill values that will make them good employees. I'm proud to partner with Tongue Point Job Corps Center - as a carpenter, an employer and a taxpayer."

**Bill Teeple, Owner, BSG Construction**



"As a local small business owner and Chair of the Clatsop County Board of County Commissioners, I would like to congratulate the Tongue Point Job Corp Center on its fiftieth anniversary. I know from first-hand experience the importance of the center to our community and the country in developing young adults into successful employees and taxpayers who will contribute to our economy and society. Over the years, I have employed many TPJCC graduates and they have all been trainable, hard working, punctual and respectful of fellow employees and our customers. Clatsop County values the TPJCC as an important local resource and we will work to ensure that the TPJCC will still be around for its 100th birthday."

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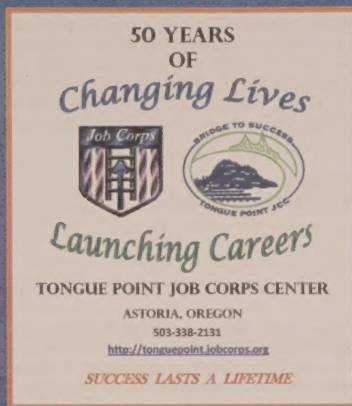
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